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- On 24 February 1951, it was learned that four railroad repair shops would be closed because of the financial difficulties of the Soviet Zone Railroads. The specific installations had not been determined.
- The closing of the Berlin-Warschauerstrasse, Halberstadt, and Jena railroad repair shops was ordered on 18 April 1951. These installations will cease operations when their present stocks of materials have been used. The closing of the Berlin-Grunewald and Berlin-Tempelhof railroad repair shops was cancelled. Materials from the West are being stored in the latter two installations. It is believed that the decreed closing of these two railroad repair shops was postponed in order to facilitate illegal material shipments from the West. *

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- * Comment. The following is a tabulation of the personnel strength and missions of the railroad repair shops mentioned:

Railroad Repair Shop	Repair Missions Assigned	Personnel Strength
Berlin-Warschauerstrasse	railroad cars	1,415
Halberstadt	locomotives and railroad cars	1,073
Jena	railroad cars	3,073
Berlin-Grunewald	railroad cars	558
Berlin-Tempelhof	locomotives and railroad cars	1,331

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In view of the large number of deadlined locomotives and railroad cars, the closing of these large and efficient installations is bound to have detrimental effects on railroad operations.

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